



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 25, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS:

Georgia Hanigan, Commissioner, Payette County
Nate Marvin, Commissioner, Washington County
Tom Dale, Commissioner, Canyon County
Kelly Aberasturi, Commissioner, Owyhee County
Viki Purdy, Commissioner, Adams County (Excused)
Sam Summers, MD, Physician Representative (Excused)
Bryan Elliott, Commissioner, Gem County

STAFF MEMBERS:

Nikole Zogg, Doug Doney, Patty Foster, Katrina Williams, Carol Julius, Brian Crawford, Clay Roscoe, Jami Delmore, Brian Mohr

GUESTS: Liisa Itkonen, COMPASS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER -- CHAIR

Chairman Bryan Elliott called the business meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Bryan Elliott asked for additional agenda items. No additions to the agenda were noted.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting attendees participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present for the comment period.

NEW EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division administrators introduced new employees.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MAY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the meeting held May 21, 2019.

MOTION: Commissioner Aberasturi moved to approve the May 21, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Marvin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT:

Patty Foster presented the May 2019 financial report. She is expecting approximately \$300,000 in expenditures this week as the fiscal year closes. There is nothing on the financial report that is out of the ordinary. She expects approximately \$200,000 in funds available to remain in savings after the end of the fiscal year. These funds are primarily due to the benefit holidays we had in November and December of this fiscal year.

ANNUAL BOARD LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Chairman Elliott asked for nominations for the Board positions of Chair and Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Commissioner Hanigan moved to retain the current leaders. Commissioner Marvin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER TERM EXPIRATIONS

There are no board member terms expiring this year. Next year four board member terms expire. In the spring Katrina will reach out to County Clerks to request that the Commissioners appoint a board member to serve for the new term. Those recommendations will then be forwarded to each county for confirmation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: COMPASS

Liisa Itkonen, COMPASS Principal Planner, provided board members a summary of information of the Communities in Motion 2040 Plan. COMPASS acts as a regional data source and also provides transportation modeling. The agency provides a forum for the public to provide input into the regional decision making and public comment opportunities are made available frequently.

The key planning aspect is the long range transportation plan and is a federally required item. Liisa explained that the agency looks to direct the development where there is already infrastructure and preserve the open space and farmland.

MEASLES, HEPATITIS A, AND WEISER AREA WATER UPDATE

Jami Delmore, Environmental Health Supervisor, provided an update on the Hepatitis A outbreak ongoing in Idaho primarily in Districts 3, 4, and 5. The number of cases continue to increase. Investigations continue and the majority of confirmed cases are in southern Idaho.

Jami updated board members on measles cases in Idaho. Currently, Idaho has had two confirmed cases and both had limited exposure to others outside the family unit. So far, there have been no new reported cases. Throughout the United States for 2019 the last count was 1,077 cases. Jami explained that children who contract measles can develop other health complications including ear infections and meningitis.

Lastly, Jami provided an update on the water situation in Weiser. Nitrate levels in the area of concern continue to read at about three times the normal level. Residents in the impacted area are having difficulty with plant survival and are in the habit of not drinking the water due to the past high nitrate levels and are not suffering health effects.

There has been an influx of new residents into the area of the affected water. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is preparing to test wells for nitrates as part of the state-wide monitoring program. Homeowner education may be impactful for that area with the new residents coming in.

Commissioner Marvin asked if Jami is available to come and present the water findings to the Washington County Commissioners. Katrina will reach out to the Washington County Clerk to request available times on the agenda.

BUILDING/SIDING PROJECT UPDATE

Brian Mohr, SWDH Building Superintendent, and Doug Doney updated board members on the siding project to replace damaged stucco at the SWDH Caldwell facility. Brian has secured quotes for the project. Some of the companies who have expressed interest will require an engineer to review the plans. The approximate total to remove and dispose of the defective stucco siding and replace the stucco with metal siding is about \$475,000.

Brian and Doug estimated that the project will involve about 4.5 million pounds of stucco and concrete to remove and haul away.

Board members discussed whether the issue should be reviewed by a structural engineer prior to the bids. Board members directed Doug to make contact with the structural engineer SWDH has used previously and ask for a professional opinion regarding the need to have the project plans reviewed or approved prior to proceeding.

At the Board of Health meeting next month Patty can provide board members with an estimated amount available for building repair.

CRISIS CENTER UPDATE

Doug provided an update on the Western Idaho Community Crisis Center (WICCC). The average length of stay so far is 12 hours and 26 minutes and is slightly longer than the other crisis centers across the state. Of the clients who have presented about 80% are Canyon County residents. For the first 30 days Payette, Ada, Owyhee, and Canyon counties were represented. The busiest days for the center are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Of the people who have sought assistance at the crisis center almost half have insurance.

Lifeways will compile some demographic information on age and gender. They will also work to track phone encounters (e.g., reason for call, referral, telehealth, etc.).

IADBH ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Board members who attended the recent Idaho Association of District Boards of Health (IADBH) meeting summarized the speakers, topics, and discussions.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT

Commissioner Dale reported back on the Trustee meeting held at the IADBH meeting. The meeting was productive. Meeting attendees reviewed an analysis of the state's contributions since 2008. The contributions meet state code but do not address inflation.

APPEALS PROCESS

Nikki asked for guidance from Board members regarding a rule governing the appeals process that is expected to sunset. Nikki explained that the district directors agreed to establish a process at the district level for how appeals are handled. Nikki distributed a policy that mirrors the current rule that is sunseting. Nikki explained she does not need a formal vote on the draft appeals process policy provided but asked for any feedback or changes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

IAPHDD Update

Nikki provided an update on the recent Idaho Association of Public Health District Directors (IAPHDD) meeting. At the meeting, the directors agreed to support the continuation of the Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) contract which remains at \$12,000 annually split by the districts.

The Western Idaho Community Health Collaborative (WICHHC) was discussed. The directors had some good dialogue about the process districts 3 and 4 have followed. The other public health districts are uncertain if they will pursue a similar model in the coming year.

The situation with the level of support from the Division of Human Resources (DHR) has declined and it is concerning to all districts. Susan Buxton, DHR director, is available to meet with district directors to discuss the issues. The office has had some staff change and the expectation of service to public health districts has changed.

The directors discussed alternatives to the audits currently performed by the Legislative Services Office (LSO). One of the district's finance officers researched options and has communicated requirements to a

private audit firm. The finance officers are going to pursue a couple of additional quotes and the directors will discuss further.

State Board of Education

Nikki explained that she submitted an application for consideration for the vacant position on the State Board of Education. The names of the applicants were published and Nikki explained her reasoning for applying. She emphasized the work amongst our partners and the importance of continuing those partnerships. A public health perspective on the Board of Education may be helpful.

Communication with Lt. Governor

The Lieutenant Governor has been assigned to a co-location efficiency workgroup requesting information on the co-location agreements of all state agencies/departments. The public health districts were included in this request. The directors sent a single response to the Lt. Governor that informed her of Idaho Code, which gives authority to the local Boards of Health to determine the location of their main office and any satellite offices. An email of acknowledgement has been received, but no other instruction or information requests have been made.

On a separate topic, The District Board of Health hires and sets the district directors' salary. This year, the Governor sent a letter out informing the public health district directors of the amount of pay increase they were authorized to receive. Nikki asked Board members if they would like to respond to the Governor's office. Board members suggested Nikki work to coordinate a response with the other districts.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as written:



Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board



Bryan Elliott
Chairman

Dated: July 23, 2019